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SUBJ: NAMIBIA

1. DURING TOUR OF HORIZON WITH AMB SCALI MAY 16, SYG WALDHEIM INTRODUCED NAMIBIA QUESTION. FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL REASONS, HE SAID, HIS REPORT TO SC HAD BEEN " EQUIVOCAL" AND HAD AVOIDED MAKING SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION FOR CONTINUATION OF MANDATE. SYG'S EFFORT HAD RECEIVED BLACK EYE AT OUTSET BECAUSE OF NAIVETE OF ESCHER WHO LACKED AFRICAN EXPERIENCE.

2. WALDHEIM ASSURED SCALI, HOWEVER, THAT THERE WAS NOTHING EQUIVOCAL ABOUT HIS ATTITUDE. QUITE APART FROM FACT THAT UN AS INSITUION NEEDED A FEW SUCCESSES. WALDHEIM FELT RESULTS OF NAMIBIA EXERCISE HAD BEEN QUITE POSITIVE. HE HAD BEEN CAUTIOUSLY BUT EMPHATICALLY TELLING AFRICAN REPS THAT, ALTHOUGH HIS MISSION HAD NOT ACHIEVED WHAT SC HAD ASKED FOR, SAG HAD MOVED FURTHER THAN SOME WOULD HAVE EXPECTED. HE HAD ASKED AFRICANS RHETORICAL QUESTION: WHAT IS ALTERNATIVE?. MME. CISSE (GUINEA), ABDULLA (SUDAN),
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AND EVEN FARAH (FORMER SOMALI PERMREP NOW IN SECRETARIAT) INCLINED TO BE " COOPERATIVE". DURING HIS TRIP TO AFRICA HE INTENDED WORK ON KAUNDA, NYERERE AND OTHERS. HE HOPED HIS PRESENCE AT OAU WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE ELEMENT.

3. SCALI TOLD WALDHEIM US WANTED HIM TO BE AS POSITIVE AS POSSIBLE. IF SYG'S MANDATE NOT RENEWED IN SOME FASHION, GOOD WORK WOULD BE UNDONE AND WHOLE AFFAIR WOULD GO BACK TO SQUARE ONE . US HAD IMPRESSION THAT SAG HONESTLY FELT IT HAD COME LONG WAY AND WOULD BE INCLINED TO TURN ITS BACK COMPLETELY ON UN IF REBUFFED AT THIS JUNCTURE.

4. ON MAY 18, WALDHEIM TELEPHONED SCALI TO SAY THAT " THE AFRICANS" HAD INFORMED HIM THEY HAD DECIDED TO OPPOSE EXTENSION OF MANDATE. HE DID NOT PROVIDE DETAILS.

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